

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statements filed 11/01/2005 and 12/16/2005 fail to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the non-patent literature documents are not dated. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Levine on 10/05/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Cancel Claims 44-49.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5, 7, 10, 16 and 38-43 are allowed.

4. Regarding claim 5: The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant specifically claims "if the power source relay device fails to feed the relayed power to the display device while the power source feeding device remains operative, the power source relay device is operative to feed the relayed power to the image control device and the image state keeping device, and the image control device commands the transmissive display to transition the portions to the transparent condition such that the outcome of the wagering game is visible through the portions of the transmissive display". This limitation was not found in the teachings of the prior art.

5. Regarding claim 10: The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant specifically claims "if the power source relay device fails to feed the relayed power to the display device while the power source feeding device remains operative, the power source relay device is operative to feed the relayed power to the image control device and the image state keeping device, and the portions of the transmissive display device transition to the transparent condition such that the outcome of the wagering game is visible through the portions of the transmissive display device". This limitation was not found in the teachings of the prior art.

6. Regarding claim 16: The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant specifically claims "if the power source feeding device fails to feed power to the display device while the power source feeding device remains operative, the power source feeding device is operative to feed power to the image control device

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and the image state keeping device, and the portions of the transmissive display device transition to the transparent condition such that the outcome of the wagering game is visible through the portions of the transmissive display device". This limitation was not found in the teachings of the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON PINHEIRO whose telephone number is (571)270-1350. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Melba Bumgarner can be reached on 571-272-4709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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